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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification in the manner indicated below.

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,691,084, Application Serial No. 09/217,341, filed on December 21, 1998 which is entitled "Variable Rate Speech Coding," and currently assigned to the assignee of the present application.